



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5  
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604**

**SUBJECT:** CLEAN AIR ACT INSPECTION REPORT  
Allbest Appliances and Refrigeration, Bremerton, WA

**FROM:** Daniel Heins, Environmental Scientist  
AECAB (IL/IN)

**THRU:** Nathan Frank, Section Supervisor  
AECAB (IL/IN)

**TO:** File

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**BASIC INFORMATION**

**Facility Name:** Allbest Appliances and Refrigeration ("Allbest")

**Facility Location:** 405 S National Avenue, Bremerton, WA

**Date of Inspection:** August 1, 2022

**EPA Inspector(s):**

1. Daniel Heins, Environmental Scientist

**Other Attendees:**

1. Brandy Saballegue, Manager – Allbest
2. Lester Loudermilk, Co-owner – Allbest (via phone)

**Contact Email Address:**

**Purpose of Inspection:** Ozone depleting substances/refrigerants compliance inspection

**Facility Type:** Appliance seller and recycling center

**Regulations Central to Inspection:** 40 CFR Part 82 Subpart F

**Arrival Time:** 14:10

**Departure Time:** 14:20

**Inspection Type:**

- ☒ Unannounced Inspection
- ☐ Announced Inspection

**OPENING CONFERENCE**

- ☒ Presented Credentials
- ☒ Stated authority and purpose of inspection
- ☒ Provided Small Business Resource Information Sheet (via email)
- ☐ Small Business Resource Information Sheet not provided.
- ☒ Provided CBI warning to facility

Daniel Heins arrived at Allbest, presented his credentials, and explained the authority and purpose of the inspection to Brandy Sabellegue. She stated that she could not show me the refrigerant recovery area without the owner present and that he was not in that day. She asked if EPA could come back the next day when Lester Loudermilk would be in, and said he was best equipped to answer questions relating to refrigerant recovery. Daniel Heins called Lester Loudermilk the following day, but was not able to return to Allbest due to other inspections that day.

The following information was obtained verbally from Allbest representatives or their website unless otherwise noted.

**Process Description:**

Allbest sells, repairs, and recycles gas and electric appliances. These include washers, dryers, refrigerators, dishwashers, and ranges. Appliances without compressors are generally accepted for free for disposal. Appliances with compressors, such as refrigerators, are disposed of for a \$10 fee. Allbest removes the refrigerant from the appliances using a refrigerant recovery device. Recovered refrigerant is sent off site for reclamation/disposal.

**Staff Interview:**

Lester Loudermilk stated the facility only recovers refrigerants and that they are sent off site for reclamation/disposal. He said he would have to follow up with who he sends them to.

Lester Loudermilk confirmed that appliance destined for recycling are collected are picked up by Navy City Metals in bulk loads after Allbest recovers the refrigerants from all relevant appliances.

Lester Loudermilk stated that Allbest does not provide the service of sending a technician to Navy City Metals to recover refrigerant from vehicles/motor vehicle air conditioners (MVACs) that Navy City Metals has received.

**TOUR INFORMATION**

**EPA Tour of the Facility:** No

**Data Collected and Observations:**

Allbest denied Daniel Heins access to the appliance recycling and refrigerant recovery area for the day he was on site. Daniel Heins drove around the outside of the Facility and observed the appliance drop-off area. He observed a large number of appliances outside in the back and a large dumpster for sending drained appliances to the scrapyard.

**Photos and/or Videos:** were taken during the inspection. See Appendix A.

**Field Measurements:** were not taken during this inspection.

**CLOSING CONFERENCE**

☒ Provided U.S. EPA point of contact to the facility

**Requested documents:**

- Make/model/certification information for the refrigerant recovery device(s) used on site
- Most recent two invoices for the receiver of the recovered refrigerants for reclamation/disposal

**DIGITAL SIGNATURES**

Report Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Section Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPENDICES AND ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix A: Digital Image Log

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**APPENDIX A: DIGITAL IMAGE LOG**

<b>Inspector Name:</b> Daniel Heins	<b>1. Archival Record Location:</b> EPA R5 Electronic Records Center
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<b>Image Number</b>	<b>File Name</b>	<b>Date/Time (PDT)</b>	<b>Description of Image</b>
1	DSC02404.jpg	2022-08-01 14:10	Facility sign
2	DSC02406.jpg	2022-08-01 14:20	View from off property of the appliance recycling area, including of the dumpster